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WELLINGTON FOR AMBASSADOR SELDEN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR MASS FJ

SUBJ: PATROL CRAFT FOR FIJI

REF: A. SUVA 1131

B. STATE 255163

1. PRIME MINISTER, WHO WOULD HAVE FINAL SAY IN DECISION ON PATROL CRAFT, HAS BEEN AWAY FROM FIJI SINCE EARLY DECEMBER. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE, THEREFORE, TO PURSUE FURTHER FIJI S INTEREST IN TWO COASTAL MINESWEEPERS (REF B).

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY GOF OFFICIAL THAT SUITABILITY OF VESSELS FOR FIJI S NEEDS CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY BY DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS AND BY ROYAL FIJI MILITARY FORCES, BOTH OF WHICH WOULD BE INVOLVED IN VESSELS OPERATIONS.

3. COMMANDER OF RFMF HAS RECENTLY BEEN IN AUSTRALIA ON OFFICIAL VISIT, AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DISCUSSED PATROL CRAFT AVAILABILITY WITH GOA. FINAL DECISION, THEREFORE, WILL BE MADE IN LIGHT OF OFFERS FROM GOA AND USG.

4. PRIMIN DUE BACK IN FIJI DECEMBER 22, BUT OFFICIAL DOUBTED THAT ANY DECISIONS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE NEW YEAR. I WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR RESPONSE, BUT IT WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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